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who married Roger Dixon. (*Va. Mag. of Hist. and Biography*, IV., pp. 207, 208.)

FRENCH.

Hugh[1] French, of the parish of St. Mary's, Richmond county, made his will 20 January, 1700, which was proved December 3, 1701. He had issue by his wife Margaret: (1) Mary, (2) *Daniel*[2], (3) Hugh, (4) Mason. His son Hugh, over sixteen years, petitioned the court in September 5, 1705. His widow Margaret had then married John Somerville. (Richmond county records.)

Daniel[2] French is described in a deed in Culpeper in 1760 as late of King George county. He had issue: (1) Daniel French, of Fairfax, married Penelope Manly (his will was proved in Fairfax in 1771); (2) *Margaret*[3] married James Strother. The Frenches were connected with the distinguished Mason family of Stafford and Fairfax counties.

REV. ARMISTEAD SMITH.

To the Right Rev. Dr. Madison, Bishop of Virginia.

SIR: The Parish of Kingston having become vacant by the death of the late Rev. James McBryde, we, whose names are herewith subscribed, being members of the Vestry of the Parish aforesaid, and anxious for the prosperity of the Protestant Episcopal Church, do conceive it our bounden duty forthwith to announce it to you, as its divine head and benefactor, in order that this vacancy may be supplied. We sincerely lament that we have so long experienced its gradual decline since the commencement of the Revolution; yet fondly hope under the favour of Heaven, and you, our guardian and friend, and protector, together with the joint exertions of a virtuous clergy, again to see its days of prosperity return. It concerns us truly to relate that we have been too often unfortunate in the appointment of clergymen heretofore to fill this sacred office, and have attributed it chiefly to our want of a thorough knowledge of their breeding, general conduct and fitness to serve us. To supply this defect in future, and to guard against its dreadful consequences, we shall presume to nominate, and recommend Mr. Armistead Smith for holy orders, who is a gentleman independent in his circumstances, is well known to us all, was born and bred among us, and is exemplary in his conduct. For his economy in the private walks of life, we highly esteem him, for his steady regard and attachment to the interests of our church, we have the greatest con-

fidence in him, for his sobriety, integrity, moral rectitude and virtuous example we strongly recommend him to your notice. He being, then, the object of our choice, we sincerely hope that no obstacles may be thrown in his way in procuring the needful to enable him to render himself useful to ourselves, and to a numerous people in the discharge of his sacred duties. With the greatest regard, we are, sir,

Your obedient and humble servants,

THOMAS SMITH,
JAMES JONES,
JOEL FOSTER,
ROBERT CAREY,
GEORGE ARMISTEAD,
THOMAS SMITH, JUN.,
THOMAS TABB.

NOTE.—This letter appears to be without date, but Rev. Armistead Smith became minister of the parish in 1794.

QUERIES.

Joseph Lane, of Westmoreland county, married Mary Newton. Was she a daughter of Willoughby and Sarah Eskridge Newton? William Lane, father of Joseph Lane, married Martha Carr. Who was she? According to QUARTERLY, George Eskridge married, secondly, Hannah Ashton. Who were her parents? A family record states that he married, secondly, Elizabeth ——. She left a will, and mentions Elizabeth, her only child. How about this? Katherine Eskridge, daughter of George Eskridge, married (1) William Jett, (2) John Lane. This John Lane had brothers, William Lane and James Hardidge Lane. Who was their father? Who did William Newton Lane, grandson of James Hardidge Lane marry? I think William, one of these brothers, married Miss Carr.—*Mary Selden Kennedy, "Cassilis," near Warrenton, Va.*

Captain Alexander Handley was with Gen. Morgan in the Southern campaign, Revolutionary War, and was captured by the British, and died in 1781. He had two brothers—William and Archibald. Who were the parents of Capt. Alexander Handley?